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Dear SUSE Partner,

SUSE® is officially releasing SUSE Linux Enterprise 15 SP6 today June 26, 2024. SUSE previously released SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 6.0 in early June. In addition to these new versions of SUSE Linux we are announcing the availability of the latest SUSE YES Certification Kit (SCK), version 9.0! The SCK 9.0 provides YES Certification support for SUSE Linux Enterprise 15 SP6, 15 SP5, and 12 SP5 (note: the SLES 12 SP5 end of general support is October 31, 2024). We have also developed a certification project for SUSE Linux Enterprise Micro 6.0 in SCK 9.0. With the new SLE Micro project (a new test project in TestConsole) you can directly certify SLE Micro 6.0 and submit for a SLE Micro specific YES Certification bulletin. Please note that SLES 15 SP6 and SLE Micro 6.0 are separate certifications; if your company needs both certifications, it will require two different certification test runs and two different certification submissions.

The SCK 9.0 version replaces the previously released SCK 8.8.1 version. With SCK 9.0 your company can still leverage a SLES 15 SP6/SP5 certification to add Workstation Extensions and/or SLEPOS as an additional supported product; this requires using the specific Server, Workstation or SLEPOS project on TestConsole. SUSE Linux Enterprise virtualization certifications are still available using a KVM and/or Xen virtualization host and Virtual Machines. (When certifying SLES 15 SP5 you can still leverage that same certification to add SLE Micro 5.5 as an additional supported product with no additional testing; this is not currently available with SLE Micro 6.0).

SCK 9.0 continues support for all SUSE Linux Enterprise supported architectures: x86_64, Arm, IBM® Power®, and IBM Z®. This new release of the SCK supports certification of servers, edge devices/servers, workstations, desktops, laptops, point of service systems, virtualization hosts, and third-party hypervisors. If it is a connected device requiring a robust Linux operating system, it can probably be YES Certified.

One additional major change in SCK 9.0 is that the TestConsole system now requires SLES 15 SP5 installed.

We encourage the use of the new SCK 9.0 Gold Master (GM) release for all future certification testing beginning immediately. SUSE partners are strongly encouraged to download and install the new version as soon as possible. The new SCK 9.0 ISO is contained in a compressed .zip file which can be downloaded from the public YES System Test Tools for SUSE® Linux webpage or from the SUSE® Bulletin System (SBS) main landing webpage (requiring a login). **The SCK 9.0 documentation is available at these download locations as well. The documentation files are packaged as a compressed .zip file. We strongly recommend that you utilize the SCK documentation for the best experience.** Important: *Please review the README file on the download site for a detailed list of known issues with SCK 9.0 GM.*

We understand that our partners may be in the middle of certifying systems with SCK 8.8.1 and may need to complete this process before updating. For this reason, we have set the **deadline for submissions with the SCK 8.8.1 release as Aug 31, 2024.** After that date we reserve the right to reject submissions tested with the SCK 8.8.1 version. (*Note: all SLE 15 SP6 and SLE Micro 6.0 certifications require the SCK 9.0 to be used*).

With SUSE Linux Enterprise and the latest System Certification Kit partners have the power to leverage the premier system certification program – SUSE YES Certification. We wish you success as you use these tools and SUSE YES Certification to help increase your product sales opportunities.

Best regards,
SUSE Partner Engineering